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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: EOKA ANNIVERSARY PASSES WITHOUT MAJOR INCIDENTS:  
OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

BEGIN SUMMARY: EOKA DAY PASSED WITH USUAL SPREAD- STYLE  
ORATORY, SOME DEMONSTRATIVE EXPLOSIONS, BUT NO SERIOUS  
INCIDENTS. INTRA- GREEK CYPRIOT VENDETTA WORSENERD SOMEWHAT  
WITH DELIBERATE WOUNDING OF ANTI- GRIVASIST, PLUS DESTRUCTION  
OF GRIVASIST BAR IN LARNACA. GREEK EMBASSY TELLS US NO BASIS  
TO REPORTS GOG OPPOSES MAKARIOS PROPOSAL TO CREATE AUXILIARY  
POLICE. INTERCOMMUNAL RELATIONS WORSENERD ON EVE APRIL 3  
RESUMPTION FORMAL TALKS, AS TURKS SHARPLY PROTESTED AUXILIARY  
POLICE PROPOSAL AND THREATENED UNSPECIFIED " BALANCING" ALSO,  
SIMMERING TENSIONS IN SENSITIVE VILLAGE OF AYIOS NIKOLAOS ( PAPHOS)  
FLARED UP OVER CYPOL ARREST OF TMT MEMBER. END SUMMARY

1. EOKA DAY PASSED WITHOUT ATTEMPTED COUP GOVT

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HAD PUBLICLY PREDICTED, THOUGH 20 EXPLOSIONS NIGHT OF MARCH 31- APRIL 1 MARKED ANNIVERSARY. 15 EXPLOSIONS OCCURRED IN FAMAGUSTA, FOUR IN TRIKOMO AND ONE IN LIMASSOL. BOMBS WERE SET OFF IN OPEN AREAS AND CAUSED NO SERIOUS DAMAGE.

2. TURK CYPRIOTS HAVE REACTED STRONGLY TO MAKARIOS ANNOUNCEMENT CREATION AUXILIARY POLICE ( NICOSIA 689). TCPA SPOKESMAN STATED TURK CYPRIOTS WILL TAKE ( UNSPECIFIED) BALANCING STEP IF AUXILIARY POLICE BECOME OPERATIONAL. TURK CYPRIOTS SAY CREATION NEW POLICE FORCE ALTERS STATUS QUO AND COULD ENDANGER SECURITY THEIR COMMUNITY. TURKISH NEWSPAPERS EDITORIALIZE THAT AFTER DEALING WITH GRIVASITES, AUXILIARY POLICE COULD TURN THEIR GUNS AGAINST TURKISH COMMUNITY. IN PRIVATE TALKS, TURK CYPRIOT OFFICIALS RECOGNIZE MARGINAL BENEFIT IF GRIVAS RESTRAINED BY AUXILIARY POLICE BUT FEEL, ON BALANCE, CREATION ANOTHER GREEK CYPRIOT ARMED FORCE DETRIMENTAL TO THEIR INTERESTS.

3. ON APRIL 1 CYPOL ARRESTED TURK CYPRIOT FIGHTER INSIDE VILLAGE OF AYIOS NIKOLAOS . FIGHTER WILL BE CHARGED IN PAPHOS COURT APRIL 2 WITH STEALING WEAPONS FROM LAWFUL FORCES OF STATE. ( HE HAD PARTICIPATED IN MARCH DETENTION OF CYPOL SERGEANT.) IN RETALIATION, TURK CYPRIOT VILLAGERS SEIZED 13 GREEK CYPRIOT HOSTAGES, BUT THESE WERE RELEASED FOLLOWING UNFICYP REPRESENTATIONS. TURK CYPRIOT OFFICIALS TELL US THEY HAD DIFFICULT TIME PERSUADING VILLAGERS TO GIVE UP HOSTAGES WHILE FIGHTER WAS STILL DETAINED. THEY SAY THAT IF FIGHTER CONVICTED, VILLAGERS THREATEN RETALIATE BY TAKING TO OWN COURT NEXT MEMBER OF CYPOL OR NATIONAL GUARD PICKED BY BY TMT. COMMENT: INCIDENT IS PART OF CONTINUING TROUBLES IN AYIOS NIKOLAOS BETWEEN CYPOL AND TMT ( NICOSIA 559), CONTAINS SEED OF A SERIOUS CONFRONTATION.

4. LOCAL PRESS HAS CARRIED CONFLICTING STORIES OF GREEK GOVT VIEW OF MAKARIOS' DECISION TO CREATE AUXILIARY POLICE, PRO- GRIVAS ETHNIKI CLAIMING ATHENS DISAGREES WITH DECISION WHILE GOVT SPOKESMAN ASSERTS GOG APPROVES. COMMENT: GREEK DCM INFORMS US THAT NO GOG POSITION HAS BEEN PUBLISHED. HE STATES THAT MAKARIOS DECISION CONFIDENTIAL

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" MIGHT BE CONSIDERED" INTERNAL DOMESTIC AFFAIR OF GOC.

HIS EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION TO GOC RESTRUCTURING OR ADDING TO ITS POLICE FORCES. GREEK EMBASSY DOES BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT ANY ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL SHOULD BE CREATED STRICTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOC LAWS CONCERNING AUTHORITY, RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS, UNIFORMS, ETC. GREEK EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THERE SHOULD BE EXTRA- LEGAL PARAMILITARY ARMED FORCES SUCH AS ARE RUMORED TO EXIST AT PRESENT.

5. AFTERNOON OF MARCH 30, FIVE OR SIX MASKED MEN SHOT AND WOUNDED LEFTIST IN VILLAGE OF XYLOPHAGOU. INCIDENT IS KIND THAT COULD WELL LEAD TO RETALIATORY ACTION BY LEFTIST ARMED BANDS ( XYLOPHAGOU IS LYSSARIDES STRONGHOLD). WOUNDED MAN, REPORTEDLY SHOT IN STOMACH AFTER BEING DELIBERATELY HUNTED DOWN, IS IN SERIOUS CONDITION IN UK SOVEREIGN BASE HOSPITAL.

6. LARNACA BAR FREQUENTED BY GRIVAS SUPPORTERS WAS BOMBED AND LARGELY DEMOLISHED ON APRIL 1. BAR IS SAME ONE IN WHICH NATIONAL GUARD OFFICER WAS RECENTLY ATTACKED BY LEFTISTS, CAUSING MIN INT TO APOLOGIZE. POPPER

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